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1. AFTER TALKS "IN SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING", AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN TIRANA OCT 20 CALLING FOR 15 PCT INCREASE IN TRADE BETWEEN ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA IN 1975. ASSISTANT FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY BORIS GOLJEVSCHEK SIGNED FOR YUGOSLAVIA, DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER VASIL KATI FOR ALBANIA, MARKING FIRST TIME TWO COUNTRIES HAVE CONDUCTED TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL, ACCORDING TO WEEKLY EKONOMSKA POLITIKA. UNDER AGREEMENT, YUGOSLAVS WILL EXPORT CONSUMER GOODS (TELEVISION SETS AND WASHING MACHINES) TO ALBANIA.

2. FOLLOWING OCT 3 HOXHA SPEECH WHICH RECEIVED FAVORABLE ATTENTION IN PRESS HERE, AGREEMENT IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF IMPROVING YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. TRADE IN LAST TEN YEARS EDGED ERATICALLY UPWARD, WITH DIPS IN 1968 AND 1970, BUT LAST FOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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YEARS HAVE WITNESSED CONSISTENT GROWTH.

3. RED TANJUG (COMPILATION OF FOREIGN PRESS DISTRIBUTED TO PARTY AND GOVT), PUBLISHED OCTOBER 18 JENMIN JIH PAO ARTICLE ON BALKANS VERY SIMILAR IN TONE TO HOXHA SPEECH, PERHAPS IMPLYING THAT ALBANIAN WARMING TO YUGOSLAVIA INSPIRED AND ENCOURAGED BY PEKING.

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